IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Next, the master server computer updates a counter for a target document, the target document being a document that is hypertext linked to the referring document. Next, the master server computer updates a database, which contained the deleted referring document. The master server computer then determines in a determining step whether the count for the counter of the target document equals zero. If the counter for the ~~referring~~ target document is not equal to zero, the master server computer sends a message to the user indicating that the referring document has been deleted. The process then flows to a step where the user receives the message. The process then flows to a step, where the master server computer sends a message to the user asking whether the user wants to delete another referring document. The process then flows to a step where the user receives the message. The process then flows to a determining step where it is determined whether the user wants to delete another referring document. If the user wants to delete another referring document the process goes back to the initial process step, and the user sends another delete request for a referring document.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 22 and continuing to page 4, line 11 with the following rewritten paragraph:

If the counter for the ~~referring~~ target document equals zero, the master server computer sends a message to the user indicating that the referring document has been deleted. The process then flows to a step where the master server computer sends a message to an author of the target document (author client) asking whether the author client wants to delete the target document. The process then flows to a step where the author client receives the message. The process then flows to a determining step, where the author client decides whether to delete the target document. If the author client chooses to delete the target document, the process flows to a step, where the author client sends a delete request for the target document to the master server computer. The process then flows to a step where the master server computer receives the delete request, accesses the target

document, and deletes the target document. Next, the master server computer updates the target document database. Then the master server computer sends to the author client, a message indicating that the target document has been deleted. The author client receives the message and the process flows to a step, where the master server computer sends a message to the user asking whether the user wants to delete another referring document. If the user wants to delete another referring document, the process then flows back to the initial process step where the user sends another delete request for a referring document. Alternatively, if the user does not want to delete another referring document the process ends.